

## Message Text

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TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS PRIORITY

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FROM NEA/ARN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, EFIN, SY, US

SUBJECT: EXIM AND SYRIA

1. IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE EMBASSY RECEIPT AND RESPONSE,  
NEA/ARN FORWARDS FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND INQUIRIES FROM  
EXIMBANK.

2. EXIM IS CURRENT REVIEWING ITS POSITION ON SUPPLIER  
CREDIT FINANCING FOR EXPORTER INSURANCE AND MEDIUM TERM  
BANK GUARANTEES TO SYRIA. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, THESE  
PROGRAMS HAVE NOT BEEN AVAILABLE FOR SYRIAN TRANSACTIONS  
FOR NUMBER OF YEARS.

3. EXIM WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSISTANCE ON FOLLOWING  
QUESTIONS:

A. FOR PUBLIC BUYERS IN SYRIA, WHICH AGENCY HAS POWER TO  
COMMIT FULL FAITH AND CREDIT, OF THE STATE ON EXTENDED  
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CREDITS? WOULD IT BE CENTRAL BANK, MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
OR SOME OTHER AGENCY?

B. FOR PRIVATE BUYERS, WOULD A GUARANTEE FROM THIS SAME  
AGENCY BE AVAILABLE? IF NOT, WE ASSUME COMMERCIAL BANK  
OF SYRIA COULD PROVIDE GUARANTEE.

C. IF THAT IS CASE, SHOULD WE ALSO HAVE A COMMITMENT FROM  
A PROPER GOVERNMENT AGENCY FOR MAKING NECESSARY FOREIGN  
EXCHANGE AVAILABLE TO REPAY LOAN?

4. EXIM NEEDS RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS ASAP IN  
ORDER TO RESPOND TO EXIM BOARD INQUIRIES BY NEXT WEEK'S  
MEETING. VANCE

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